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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the following information is submitted for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-captioned application. The information is identified on the attached PTO 1449 form.

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earliest filing date of prior U.S. patent application serial no. 09/656,831, filed September 7, 2000. The documents identified on the attached PTO 1449 form were submitted to and/or cited by the Office in a prior application and, therefore, copies are not required to be provided in this application. (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d)).

Applicant has also noted on the attached PTO-1449 U.S. Patent 6,353,242 (USSN 09/274,481, filed 3/23/1999) which is scheduled to issue on March 5, 2002. A copy of the patent is not available as of the date of this filing. The Examiner is kindly requested to review the patent and make the same of record on the attached PTO-1449. In the event the Examiner requires Applicant to furnish a copy of this reference, please advise the undersigned.

Applicants do not waive any right to take appropriate action to establish patentability over the listed documents should they be applied as references against the claims of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate place to indicate that each document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

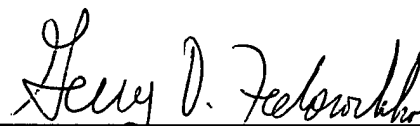
Applicants believe that no fee is necessary pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). However, if a fee is due, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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